THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Reservation for OBC In **Tripura**

2127. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Other Backward Classes people of Tripura are unable to enjoy reservation in the State Services, as the 50 per cent higher limit of reservation has already been attained by the other sections of people;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to amend the law to enable the Other Backward Classes people of the State to cross 50 per cent limit of reservation; and

(c) how Government would do justice for the Other Backward Classes people of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The Government of Tripura has provided 47% reservation, out of which 16% is for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 31% for Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Civil Posts and Services under the State Government.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) The percentage of reservation in the State Services is to be decided by State Governments.

NGOs benefited by Government social welfare programmes

2128. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs benefited by the Government social welfare programmes alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether any post sanction mechanism has been evolved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many NGOs are working in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) Rs. 221.62 crores has been released to 2602 NGOs under social welfare programmes during the financial year 2002-2003.

(b) and (c) The functioning of the projects sanctioned under the schemes are regularly monitored by seeking periodical progress reports from the grantee NGOs. The projects are inspected each year by the State Government authorities/Nodal agencies. The second instalment of grant is sanctioned only on receipt of inspection report indicating the satisfactory functioning of the project. The grantee NGOs is required to submit audited accounts and utilization certificates duly certified by Chartered Accountant. The unspent balance, if any, is adjusted with the grant for the subsequent year.

(d) 115 NGOs are working in Madhya Pradesh.

Schemes for welfare of minorities

2129. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes under implementation for the welfare of minorities including Muslims; and

(b) the amount spent on these schemes during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) The following are the schemes for the welfare of minorities including Muslims:

(i) Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for weaker sections including minorities, based on economic criteria, for recruitment in services and admission in professional courses.

(ii) Area Intensive & Madrasa Modernisation scheme under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

In addition, the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides loans for the economic empowerment of Minorities.